James Corbould of Speen.
B. 1799. D. 1885.
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SECTION IX.

CORBOULD OF WOODSPEEN HOUSE

JAMES CORBOULD, of Woodspeen House, Newbury, Berks, gent. (see previous page). B. 1799. Bapt. 9 Mar. 1799. Whilst walking along the Suffolk coast near his home at Ipswich in June 1815, he heard the guns of the battle of Waterloo. Headmaster of Woodspeen House School. Several of his grandchildren still remember him as a very upright old man with silvery-white hair, light blue eyes and a clear pink and white complexion. His portrait (the figure in black) may be seen, done in stained glass, in a window in the chancel of St. Mary’s Church, Speenhamland. He was also churchwarden there for 19 years. D. at 6, St. Mary’s Place, Speenhamland, 2 March 1885, aged 85, and was buried in Speen churchyard. Will pr. at Oxford 24 March 1885, re-sworn 1886, nett personalty £6,105.

He was married by licence at St. Mary’s Church, Speen, near Newbury, by the Rev. John Nelson, in the presence of William Giles and Richard Dibley on 16 Jan. 1821 to LYDIA, bapt. 26 Oct. 1800, d. 24 March 1868, aged 67, bur. at Speen, dau. of William Giles (of Newbury, bapt. 30 Oct. 1769, d. 23 Dec. 1840 aged 71), by his wife Maria Munvell, whom he married about 1792 at Newbury Parish Church. Mrs. James Corbould was a niece of Mrs. Thos. Corbould. James and Lydia Corbould had 10 children:—

1. MARY CORBOULD, b. at 3.10 p.m. 20 Oct. 1821, bapt. at the Presbyterian Chapel, Newbury 11 Nov. 1821, d. 15 Feb. 1880. Married JAMES HENRY GODDING, of 55, Northbrook Street, Newbury, b. 13 Dec. 1819, d. 20 April 1884, organist of St. Mary’s Church, Speenhamland and St. Nicholas’s Parish Church, Newbury (where there is a stained glass window to his memory), son of James and Lucy Godding, of Speen, and had:—

1a. MARY ELLEN GODDING, of Ellerslie, London Road, Speenhamland, Newbury, b. 30 Dec. 1856, bapt. 4 Jan. 1857. Member of the Education and Relief Committees of the Corporation of the Borough of Newbury. War work: served in Red Cross V.A.D. No. 44 (Berks), and helped to run very successful soldiers’ club. Chairman of North Ward, South Berks Women’s Unionist Association.

2a. JAMES HENRY (HARRY) GODDING, of Ellerslie, Speenhamland, Berks, b. 14 June 1858, bapt. 20 June 1858. Educated at Woodspeen House School, Newbury. Trustee of Savings Bank and United Speen Charities; for some years Poor Law Guardian; gave to the town of Newbury the clock-house erected in the Broadway, Speenhamland, 1929. Hon. Sec. Newbury Branch, Navy League, 1912-31. During the Great War joined the Veterans’ Defence Corps, and was appointed
Hon. Sec., Vegetable Products Committee (Newbury branch) for sending vegetables to the Fleet, did tractor ploughing and herb drying, and worked in food office.

3a. Jessie Lydia Godding, b. 24 July 1860, d. at Newbury 4 June 1889; m. 24 April 1888, by the Rev. W. H. Corbould at Newbury Parish Church, Thomas Webb, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., of Stanmore, Donnington Square, Newbury, organist at Shaw Church, and had:—

1b. Captain Oliver Stanley Webb, M.C., R.E., A.M.I.M.E., Civil Engineer, now in Public Works Department, Singapore; b. at Newbury 14 March 1889, bapt. by Rev. W. H. Corbould at Newbury Parish Church 30 Apr. 1889, educ. at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, and at Rhodes University College, Grahamstown, South Africa. As he was preparing for the A.M.I.C.E. exam. (to be taken in Feb. 1915) the Great War broke out, and he voluntarily enlisted in Dec. 1914 and had four and a half years' continuous service in France. Gazetted Captain in the Royal Engineers, April 1916. Awarded Military Cross, Jan. 1918. Mentioned in despatches May 1918.

Married Olive Lettice, b. 3 Feb. 1891, dau. of the Rev. Thomas Lewis Jones, B.A., Queens' College, Cambridge, Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda-cum-Penthosgarneedd, Bangor, 1888, d. 1900, and Hannah Mary, his wife.

They have two sons:—

1c. Brian Wykeham Webb, b. 26 June 1921, educ. at Monkton Combe School, Bath.

2c. Hugh Basil Webb, b. 28 June 1926, educ. at Monkton Combe School, Bath.

2. Thomas Corbould, b. at 7 p.m. 13 Sep. 1823, bapt. 12 Oct. 1823 by Dr. Penrose at Speen Church. Died at 10.45 p.m. 21 May 1826, aged 2 years and 8 months. Buried by the Rev. John Kitcat, 26 May 1826 at the Presbyterian Chapel, Newbury.

3. James Giles Corbould, b. at 9.10 p.m. 5 Nov. 1827, bapt. at Speen Church by Mr. Harrison on Sunday 2 Dec. 1827. D. 25 Feb. 1828, bur. at the Presbyterian Chapel, Newbury.

4. Rev. Edward James Corbould, M.A. Oxon., b. 18 Nov. 1828, bapt. at Speen; educated at Woodspeen House School, then at Rugby School (entrance Feb. 1843), and at Wadham College, Oxford, where he matriculated 9 June 1847, B.A. 1851 (4th Class Lit. Hum. 3rd Class Maths.), M.A. Oxon. 1854. Ordained Deacon 1853 and Priest 1854 by the Bishop of Lichfield to the curacy of Buxton, which he held till 1857, curate of Barchester, Warwickshire 1857-60, Headmaster of Woodspeen House School 1860-70; Afternoon Lecturer at St. Mary's, Speenhamland 1861-70; curate of Charlwood, Surrey 1871-73, St. Andrew-with-St. Mary Bredman, Canterbury 1873-77, Harbledown 1877-8; Vicar of St. Mary's Church,
Teynham, Kent, from 1878 till he retired in 1908 and returned to Wood- 
speen House, Newbury, where he died 11 Nov. 1918, within a week of his 90th birthday, and was buried at Speen. Will pr. at Oxford 21 Jan. 1919 
at £3,194. Woodspeen House, which had been in the family for 104 years, 
was then sold.

Married at St. Mary's Church, Speen, 10 June 1857, JULIA, b. 25 April 
1822, d. 23 June 1902 at Teynham Vicarage, bur. at Teynham, 5th dau. of 
John and Elizabeth Hitchcock.

On leaving Teynham (28th April 1908) Mr. Corbould was presented 
with an album containing the names of the 264 parishioners who sub-
scribed a purse of gold “as a slight token of their esteem and affection, 
and their appreciation of his thirty years of faithful ministry among them.”

The Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Corbould had:—

1a. EDWARD CORBOULD, b. and d. in 1858.

2a. JULIA ANNIE MOSS CORBOULD, of Harewood Cottage, Cold Ash, near 
Newbury, Berks, b. 16 Feb. 1859.

3a. EDWARD JAMES CORBOULD, B.A. Oxon. Born at Woodspeen House, 
Newbury, 15 Aug. 1861; educated at the King's School, Canterbury; 
scholar of Hertford College, Oxford, 1880, matriculated 19 Oct. 1881, 
B.A. 1885. Schoolmaster at St. Andrews and later a private tutor. 
Died unmarried 10 March 1899, aged 38. Administration granted in 
London 30 April 1899.

4a. RUPERT HENRY CORBOULD, of 2, Nottingham Terrace, Marylebone 
Road, London, N.W.1. An ecclesiastical artist. Born at Woodspeen 
House, Newbury 6 June 1866, educated at the King's School, Canterbury 
from 1878. Entered the Studios of Mr. Alfred O. Hemming, 
a well-known artist in stained glass, in 1885, and since Mr. Hemming's 
death in 1907 has carried on the same work, during which time he has 
executed many important windows throughout the United Kingdom 
and abroad. Fellow of the British Society of Master Glass Painters.

Married in 1907, ISABEL HAMILTON, L.R.A.M., pianist, d.s.p. 8 Feb. 
1921, will pr. in London 24 March 1921, dau. of the late G. T. Soley, 
shipowner, of Liverpool, and sister-in-law of Sir Frederick Walker 
Mott, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. She was descended from the Irish 
Hamiltons.

5. GEORGE GILES CORBOULD, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A. Lond., of 17, Bridge Street 
and 22, Berkeley Square, Bristol, b. 12 Jan. 1831. Bapt. at St. Mary’s, 
Speenhamland, Newbury, 13 Feb. 1831. D. 18 May 1895, bur. at Arno’s 
Vale, Bristol. Will pr. in London 19 June 1895. Educated at Woodspeen 
House, Newbury. Came to Bristol when quite young and was (after the 
old-fashioned custom) apprenticed to Mr. John Grant Wilson, a well-known 
surgeon, of 17, Bridge Street. On the completion of his medical education 
at Bristol and King's College, London, he qualified in 1855, and was 
appointed House Surgeon at Stockport Infirmary. Commenced private
practice at Bristol in 1856. Was for many years on the staff of Bristol Dispensary and at the time of his death was one of the Hon. Consulting Surgeons there.

Married on 3 Mar. 1859 at Clifton Parish Church, ELIZABETH (b. at Bristol 25 Aug. 1831, d. 15 Oct. 1897, will pr. in London 16 Nov. 1897), 4th dau. of the said John Grant Wilson, and eventually succeeded to his practice. J. G. Wilson was born and married in Barbados and owned estates there, and later came to England to study medicine and surgery at Guy’s Hospital, London. He was descended from the Alleynes of Barbados through his mother Lucy Reynold, eldest dau. of Dr. Grant Ellcock and Elizabeth Reynoldia his wife, daughter of Reynold and Lucy Alleyne. They had:—

1a. MARY OSTREHAN CORBOULD, of 6, Richmond Hill, Clifton, Bristol, b. 14 April 1860.

2a. ELIZABETH WILSON CORBOULD, of 53, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, b. 20 Sep. 1862. Married 5 July 1884, the REV. JOHN DAVIDSON MUNRO MURRAY, M.A., who was born in 1853 in the West Indies, educated at Clifton College and at St. John’s College, Cambridge, where he gained the Crosse and Lightfoot University Scholarships, and obtained a second-class in the Theological Tripos in 1876. Together with Bishop Bickersteth of Japan, he was one of the first members of the Cambridge Mission at Delhi. Ill-health and failing eyesight necessitated his withdrawal, and soon after his return to England he was in 1881 appointed Vice-Principal of Wells Theological College, where he remained six years. Increasing blindness caused him to resign office in 1887. In 1889 he was appointed Vicar of Nynehead, Somerset. He died suddenly in London 10 Dec. 1894, and was buried on 15th Dec. at Nynehead. They had issue:—


2b. ELEANOR MYsie BICKERSTETH MURRAY, educ. at Bedford High School. In 1917 she started a company of Girl Guides at Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks, and was in charge of it for nearly 8 years. In 1923 she founded a Ranger Company and became District Captain. She entered the Royal Manchester College of Music in 1926, obtaining the class “A” Teacher’s Diploma (violin) in July 1928.

3b. CAPTAIN BERNARD ALLEYNE MURRAY, m.c., of The Beeches, Hertford, b. 13 April 1894. Educ. at Marlborough College and
SIR WILLIAM BAKER, kt.,
of Bayfordbury, m. Mary, dau.
of Jacob and Mary Tonson.


Sophia, 3rd dau. of John and Lady Henrietta Conyers of Copt Hall, Essex.

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later studied French and learnt riding at Versailles. Joined the Inns of Court O.T.C., passed in signals, Whitsun 1914; mobilized with the Inns of Court O.T.C. August 1914; 2nd Lieut. in Notts Yeomanry 13 Sep. 1914; Egypt 1915; left for Salonica Oct. 1915; in the retreat from Serbia, later in the Struma Valley; 1916 Lieut.; May 1917 appointed to command 7th Mounted Brigade Signal Troop, returned to Egypt June 1917 and served through Allenby's advance from Gaza to Aleppo; Captain April 1918; demobilized Aug. 1919, and subsequently transferred to General Reserve Royal Corps of Signals. Admitted Solicitor June 1920, memb. Law Society, Honours at Final, Broderip Prizeman and gold medallist (the best conveyancer of the year); partner in Corbould, Rigby & Co., 50, Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, W.

Married on 15th Jan. 1930, at Bayford Church, Hertfordshire, KATHARINE LETITIA, b. 21 April 1909, eldest dau. of George William COLE-HAMILTON, Esq., of Hacketts, Brickenden, Herts, B.A. Selwyn College, Cambridge, J.P. co. Herts, late Basutoland Mounted Police, member of the Constitutional Club; b. 12 Sep. 1875, the heir next after certain living persons and their issue (if any) to the Barony of Mountflorence (see pedigree of the Earls of Enniskillen), by his wife Katharine Edith (m. 25 April 1908), younger dau. of the late William Clinton-Baker, Esq., of Bayfordbury, Herts, and sister of Admiral Sir Lewis Clinton-Baker, k.c.b. Mrs. Murray is descended from King Edward I of England through the Courtenays, Earls of Devon.

They have issue:—

1c. KATHARINE ELIZABETH MURRAY, b. at The Beeches, Hertford, 7 May 1932.


6. REV. WILLIAM HENRY CORBOULD, TH.A.K.C.L. (1858), b. 14 April 1833, bapt. 12 May 1833 at St. Mary's, Speenhamland, educated at Woodspeen House, Newbury, during the headmastership of his father, and at King's College, University of London.

He was ordained priest in 1859 and appointed to curacies at Middleton and Rhodes, both in Lancashire. In 1871 he became Vicar of Ramsbottom, near Manchester, a living which he held for 22 years. He was a pioneer of
Rev. Wm. Hy. Corbould,
Vicar of Ramsbottom.
the "open church movement," and sacrificed each year an income that might have been his own, in order that every seat in the church might be free to all.

Died unmarried at St. Paul's Vicarage, Ramsbottom, 18 May 1893; bur. there 23 May; the service being conducted by his life-long associate, the Rev. John Cox Edghill, D.D., Chaplain-General to the Forces, in the presence of 50 clergy and a very full congregation. On Sunday 21st, references to his kindly and useful life were made in the various local churches and chapels, the Baptist Pastor stating that "Mr. Corbould's removal is a loss common not only to the town but to the whole neighbourhood generally... he considered humanity first and was full of sympathy and benevolence, a true and generous friend to the poor." Further tributes were paid by the Bishop of Manchester, and by the Roman Catholic clergy through Father O'Riordyn, who publicly rendered tribute to his "kind and genial manner and high character." .."He kept people together."

Administration of his estate (value £1,621) was granted in London, 9 June 1893.

7. Frederick Corbould, see Section X.
8. Lydia Corbould, b. 1 July 1836, bapt. at Speenhamland Church, 31 July 1836, died at Ramsbottom Vicarage, unmarried, 15 May 1886. Bur. at Speen.
9. James Alfred Corbould, b. at about 8 a.m. 1 Feb. 1839. Believed to have died the same day. Bur. in the Presbyterian Chapel, Newbury.
10. A Son, born and died 29 April 1842.